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"June 3, Picnic Contest, at new field, see next page."

Monthly Meetings:

Most of the meetings are held at the EAA building at the Anoka County Airport, **first Friday of the month, unless it falls on a Holiday.** Directions, take 35 W north from Minneapolis to Highway 10 west. Note that there is a county road 10 just prior to Highway 10…don't take that road. Proceed west on **highway 10** to 93rd lane (Airport Road), and go right..north, to the bend in the road where you will see a gated entrance. Drive up to the gate and it will open. Proceed on the road until it Ts to the right. Go right until you see the EAA building. ***The meetings start at 11:30AM***

Upcoming 2012 Events:

Friday June 1, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, June 3, "Picnic Contest, North Branch

Sunday, July 1, "Summer Contest, North Branch.

Friday July 6, Monthly meeting at the EAA.

Sunday, July 29, "Almost Silent Meet", North Branch.

2012 Dues are due! Submit dues to:
Tom Battey, MMAC treasurer
1260 Hall Ave.
West St. Paul, MN, 55118
Or pay him at the next meeting.

$25 for full membership, or $6 for newsletter only.

OAKIE'S ORACLES

Summer is here. I trust all have a new fleet of models to fly! Harley's sod farm is now planted with crops, corn, soybean, etc. The sod business went south due to the recession. We have permission to fly on Kevin Mann's property. We also have permission to fly on Rehbein's Sod and Central Turf, located on 420th. On contest days call me or Dave Edmonson our cell phones; Gary 651-270-6684 or Dave 612-220-5239. I know I speak for a the entire club as I express our deepest thanks to the Johnson family for allowing us to fly our planes these past years. A very special thank you to Don Messerly for calling the members the week of our meetings. It most assuredly increased our attendance. Thirty-seven atta boys, Don! Thank you Don Monson and Aaron for sharing your videos with the club. Judi and I have to hold our club's potluck party this fall when it will be a more comfortable temperature. We're in the planning stage for our club's 75th anniversary party sometime this year. A T-shirt commemorating the event is also planned.
NATS First week in August. It would be great if more could attend and compete. At present Bob Woodhouse, Dave Edmonson, Jeff and Andy Ringlien, Steve and I are going. Plans are to report ALL our winnings in the next newsletter.
See you at the sod farm. **Gary.**

Directions to the new field, for all future contests:

As usual go up I-35 and exit at HWY 95 east. Main stoplight in North Branch is county road 30 (also called Forest Boulevard). Turn north on 30 for 2 miles. Go east on 420th street for appox. 2 ½ miles, just past Iris Avenue. 420th is also referred to as Sink Hole Road. Depending on the wind direction, we will determine the best location for the day.

Meeting Minutes

Per Dave: February 3, 2012
21 members present at meeting,

The meeting began at 11:30 AM. It was the annual club auction, so the business meeting was short.

Prizes for the January Indoor Contest were handed out by Bob Woodhouse. Jim Ladwig gave us an update on the Science Olympiad.

The club finally convinced Gary Oakins to accept payment for his almost monthly post card reminder expenses. Thanks to Gary for keeping us reminded! Dale Mendenhall will bring in Fred Switzer engines for bidding in the coming months.

The auction was blasted off by Don Monson with his famous cake decoration fete. See picture of the blast.

Aaron Petersen did another wonderful job of auctioning off all of the modeling treasures. He makes this event well attended just to hear the many clever sales techniques, and associated stories.

Per Dave: March 2, minutes are missing, Dave playing in Florida.

Per Dave: April 6 2012, 18 members present at meeting.

Meeting started at 11:45AM. Treasurers report showed the club finances to be in good shape, unlike the US government.

Gary reported that the Harley Johnson sod farm has been leased and will be planted in crops. Results of the March Indoor Contest reported, only Phantom Flash flown, Watkins 266, Thomas 202, Dona 175, and Woodhouse 163.

MMAC 75th anniversary this year. A banquet will be planned for Fall 2012, and will be held during the week. The club secretary to notify the AMA and NFFS about our 75th event.

Don Messerly was thanked for his continued phone calls to club members to boost attendance.

The Indoor Contest to be held April 27, will have two Phantom Flash events, standard, and no holds barred. The club is to order 12 more Phantom Flash kits from Greg Thomas

Show and tell had Dave Kruse with a CLG. Aaron Petersen continued to wow us with his fleet of park fliers, the newest a 55% Korda, and a Buccaneer Junior. Aaron also brought in a 1988 video of club flying at Hentges. Several people expressed an interest in obtaining a copy.

Per Dave: May 4, 2012, 18 members present at meeting.

Gary mentioned that there is a test flying field just to the west of Jeffers just north of HWY 95.

Indoor results were reported for the April 27th indoor contest.

The 75th anniversary party was delegated to the club officers, time and site to be determined. Terry Taylor to look into purchase of special shirts for the event, with pocket.

The weather for the contest on May 6 was not looking good.

There was a silent auction for the engines that Dale brought in. None were purchased, and at some point Dale will sell them on line. Dale should give the members a status update.

The meeting was adjourned to a nice cook out put on by John Watkins. John had prepared for the cook out at the April indoor contest, but most had left prior to the charcoal being ready, and John persisted in making us eat his hot dogs and beans! Thanks John.

2012 Club high point scores:

So far in 2012, only indoor contest results: January through April 2012.

The points are accumulated through the contests for the year. First place for an event is 3 points if there are 3 or fewer entrants in an event. If there are more than 3 entrants, last place gets one, and it goes up from there.

2012 Club Points, final		
2012 Points	L-NAME	F-NAME
22.5	Edmonson	Dave
13	Thomas	Greg
12.5	Watkins	John
5	Ringlien	Jeff
3	Jorgenson	Jim
2	Woodhouse	Bob
2	Dona	Gordon
1	Oakins	Gary

February17, 2012:

CD: John Watkins

Bostonian					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total Time	Place
Jim Jorgenson	38	28		66	1
Dave Edmonson	22	15		37	2

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total Time	Place
John Watkins	73	71	90	234	1
Greg Thomas	76	65	72	213	2
Dave Edmonson	70	61	58	189	3
Bob Woodhouse	35	48	36	119	4

Phantom Flash Mass Launch, 5 entries		
Entrant		Place
Jeff Ringlien		1

March 23: ***CD: Greg Thomas***

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
John Watkins				266	1
Greg Thomas				202	2
Gordon Dona				175	3
Bob Woodhouse				163	4

April 27: ***CD: Tom Battey***

No Cal		
Entrant	Total	Place
Dave Edmonson	123	1

Phantom Flash					
Entrant	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Greg Thomas	76	73	82	231	1
John Watkins	77	61	71	209	2
Dave Edmonson	68	73	68	209	2
Phantom Flash Special					
Dave Edmonson				294	1

How to find?

MMAC newsletters in color and in electronic form?

Go to the NFFS website:

www.freeflight .org

Click on club newsletters at upper left, then scroll down to MMAC and you will find all issues from the end of 2006 to this one.

http://www.freeflight.org/Community/ClubNewsltters/2011/MMAC2011-4.pdf

Or if you would like: just send me an email, and I can send you an electronic copy:

dedmonson@comcast.net or call me at 612-220-5239

May 6 Spring Meet: was cancelled

Rule 1: Never trust the weatherman. Forecast said it was to be windy and rainy. Turned out to be calm and overcast, a perfect day for a contest. At 6:00 AM when we called it off, the rain was just stopping, and the clouds were moving out of the NE at 50 mph. At 7:00 AM we had notified most people of the cancellation. Next time I will be at the field rain or shine!



2012 Annual Club Auction starts with a blast! Blast courtesy of Don Monson. Picture accidentally perfected by Dave Edmonson. Don asked the members to come up closer to the table prior to the ignition, but he did not see any movement away from hugging the outer walls. Don Messerly helped him on the next phase, what the heck, can't be any worse than Chemo!



Everyone checking out all of the treasures prior to the auction. We have been having a great time at our meetings and the new 11:30 AM start time gives us additional options not available at an evening session. Come out and join the fun!